

From: Derald Dunn
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 1:27 PM
Subject: Fw: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

I strongly urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect all American's from the giant monopolies that threaten our democracy and our freedom.

I am afraid that these proposed changes would be the start of the giant media conglomerates in gaining control of the radio and television programs i.e. news services, etc. It is common knowledge that they currently only allow/provide the liberal views and any other views are prevented from airing their opinions.

The people of the US deserve to hear the complete views of the citizens without censorship.

Please continue the protections that ensures a healthy political debate ing our great country.

Sincerely,
Derald R. Dunn
Chadron, Nebraska 69337

From: clairiott@juno.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 1:34 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules.

Commissioners
Federal Communication Commission
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Michael K Powell
Kevin J Martin
Jonathan S Adelstein
Kathleen Q Abernathy
Michael J Copps

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Sincerely,

Philip Richardson

Brewerton NY 13029-9437

From: Helen Feeney
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 1:34 PM
Subject: Oppose changes to media ownership regulations

This is to register my opposition to the proposed changes in media ownership regulations. Corporations should not be allowed to control all the media outlets in a community. The number of media outlets one company can own should be regulated.

Sincerely,
Helen Feeney

From: Kenneth Miller
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 1:42 PM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

Sir

I would like to address you concerning an upcoming potential change in the broadcast ownership rules. This decision is better left untampered with. A change could allow a potential monopoly to be put into place on media coverage supplied to the American people.

There is already a distinctive bias in most of our printed media. This is an opinion that is shared by the majority of the public. Do not allow a situation to occur that our electronic media become a hostage to one side or the other of this controversy. The presentation of all points of view is a hallmark of this nation.

I urge you as a patriot to do your duty to ensure that freedom of speech is not just a slogan. Thank you.

Cordially,

Kenneth L. Miller

From: harper's
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 1:44 PM
Subject: Media monopolies

Dear FCC Commissioners, we are sending this message as concerned citizens who do not want in any way to see any large communication corporations controlling what information is broadcasted or printed. We urge you to not relax the rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. Let's keep this nation a free nation where the Constitution means something. Each amendment should mean exactly what it says. Freedom of speech being one of the greatest.

Sincerely

Mr. and Mrs. George Harper
Dolores, Colorado

From: james thompson
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 1:46 PM
Subject: proposed Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein

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These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Best regards,
Jay Thompson

From: BillRenda@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 2:14 PM
Subject: no media monopoly, please

Dear Mr. Adelstein .

I urge you *not* to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

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Sincerely,

Mr. William J. Renda
York, Pennsylvania 17402-8603

From: Pat Foust
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 2:16 PM
Subject: Media Monopoly

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

I am very concerned about monopoly of our media by large groups, corporations, or wealthy individuals. Please keep the ownership regulations that have served us so well in the past.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Pat Foust
Littleton, CO
patfoust@juno.com

From: Peter.Roberts@novainfo.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 2:18 PM
Subject: further de-regulation is MONOPOLISTIC

I am against further de-regulation of the communications industry. It is bad enough already.

Pete Roberts, DBA
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770 522 1743

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From: Virginia Warren
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 2:18 PM
Subject: Proposed media consolidation

TO: FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell, Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner Michael J. Copps, Commissioner Kevin J. Martin, Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

FROM: Virginia Warren

DATE: 5/7/03

SUBJ: FCC proposed media consolidation

I am writing you to implore you NOT to continue with the proposed media consolidation of one of the most precious things our democracy has: the nation's airwaves. This precious national resource should be devoted to the common good, not cynically sold at auction to the highest bidder.

We need genuine local news and programming, not generic programs from media giants. Some consolidation is inevitable, but what you are proposing could mark the effective end of free speech and free elections.

Please do all that you can to stop this wrong-headed proposal.

Sincerely,
Virginia Warren
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Tustin, CA 92780

From: Marilyn Kane
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kimweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 2 20 PM
Subject: Media Ownership Rules

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

I urge you to have more public hearings and dissemination of information on the upcoming vote of June 2nd regarding relaxing restrictions on consolidation of the media.

This would necessarily require a DELAY in the vote to enable the people who own the airways to be informed and to be able to give you some input. A delay is also required for you to further investigate, for the people, the ramifications of the proposed relaxation of restrictions on ownership.

For myself, I feel that further consolidation of media is to the detriment of free speech in this country.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Marilyn Kane

From: RWH
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 2:30 PM
Subject: Media Monopolies

RWH
Richard W Hopkins
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Fax 816-322-8051 ~ Home Phone 816-331-6294 ~ Email hoppy41@hisoffice.com

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

I have heard information that the media giants such as AOL Time Warner, CBS, ABC and others are attempting to get you to relax the rules on a monopoly with the media.

To my knowledge, monopolies were stopped to protect the citizens of America from corporate giants taking over and controlling the market. If these giants take over then we the people are subject to viewing or reading just what they print and therefore their biased point of view is imposed.

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect us (The American Citizens) from media monopolies.

Respectfully,

Richard Hopkins
Retired Law Enforcement

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From: naomii@att.net
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 2:33 PM
Subject: Proposed regulations

I understand that the FCC is proposing to change current regulations governing the amount of market that can be held by any single media corporation. Consolidation of market share is bad enough now, the proposed regulations would allow even more consolidation and more control of all areas by single corporations. In no way will this promote democracy, the ability of citizens to hear differing views, or reasonable competition among companies. It will just make an existing situation much worse

From: Dave Bender
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 2:34 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules Proposal

Dear Mr. Adelstein,
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These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are

now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

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Sincerely,
David K. Bender
Streamwood, Illinois 60107

From: Richard Hartman
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 2:38 PM
Subject: Fw: Proposed Broadcast Ownership Rules

----- Original Message -----

From: Richard Hartman
To: mpowell@fcc.gov
Cc: kabernat@fcc.gov, mcopps@fcc.gov; Kevin J. Martin
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2003 2:39 PM
Subject: Proposed Broadcast Ownership Rules

THE HONORABLE MICHAEL K. POWELL, CHAIRMAN
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC

Dear Honorable Chairman:

It is requested that you exercise your leadership as Chairman of the FCC in rejecting the relaxation of Broadcast Ownership Rules as currently petitioned for by the Big Media Lobby, be it now or in the future.

My reasons are many, all in the interest of preserving a proper balance in the gathering, reporting, commentary and debate regarding all newsworthy issues that are, or should be of interest to the American Citizenry. It is my belief that if too few organizations have the ability to influence what and how information regarding issues of social and political importance is disseminated to the American Public, a true monopoly will exist that favors the position(s) of the large media at the expense of the whole truth and the best interests of not only the American People, but the very foundation of our country, which is free and independent thought nurtured by diversity of opinion.

Your kind consideration of my request to you and your Commission Members will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,
Richard L. Hartman
81 Rolling Acres Road
Pine City, NY - 14871

From: Bryan, Michael S
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 2:42 PM
Subject: "broadcast ownership rules"

To whom it may concern:

I am sending this note in regards to a notice by the NRA. (see below) I firmly agree with the NRA about the "broadcast ownership rules". I feel that if we allow these "rules" to be changed, then we subverting democracy. We in essence would be taking the voices of many and controlling them via the special few who control the media. I also feel like we currently do not get both sides of the story on most issues. There should be rules in place where false or incorrect media information is retracted in the same way it was first presented. If a front page article is false then once it is found to be incorrect there should be a front page retraction or correction.

This country was founded with certain beliefs. Most have been upheld over the course of our history and some have been amended or corrected during this time. If we start turning our backs on these beliefs we will lead our nation down the same path of self destruction that once mighty nations followed and we're either destroyed or weakened to a point where their future was taken out of there own hands.

From the NRA:

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Thank You,
Michael Bryan
Delhi, LA

From: Lewis Calhoun
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 2:46 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

Honorable Chairman and Commissioners:

If the proposed broadcast ownership rules are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by huge media corporations. Whole communities and even whole states and regions could be dominated by one media company which could decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which to censor. The big media conglomerates have in the past used their power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. These proposed rule changes would give them far greater power to keep opposing views off the air and out of the newspapers. Many of the corporations that are fighting for these rule changes (including media giants Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC) are precisely the same companies that have tried in the past to keep certain viewpoints off the air.

Please do NOT relax the broadcast ownership rules that prevent media monopolies.

Sincerely,

Lewis E. Calhoun
9099 Hampton Ct.
Delmar, Md. 21875

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Chip Anderson
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 2:49 PM
Subject: Don't relax broadcast ownership rules

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May 7, 2003

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies

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Sincerely,
Maurice E. Anderson II

From: GEBASSETT@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 2:53 PM
Subject: Monopolies

I can't imagine a greater threat to this nation than to make allowances for a few to control our freedom of speech and the right to information.

There is a time and place for monopolies, not often and not many, but this is definitely not the place. The last thing the United States of America needs is a corporate Board of Directors to establish policies for controlling one of our dearest and hard fought for freedoms. Truth needs no tightly held controlling force - it could only limit information flow, interpretation of issues and restrict dissenting viewpoints. This isn't good!

The right of freedom of speech and truth has to take precedence to any imagined capitalistic right to form monopolies. Please do not relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

Sincerely,

Glen E. Bassett

From: msudd@juno.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 2:56 PM
Subject: Broadcast Rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

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Sincerely,

Mr. Gilbert B. Sudd
Schaumburg, Illinois 60193-3965

From: Bruce Plumley
To: Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 3:14 PM
Subject: Proposed relaxation of ownership regs

I am writing to urge you not to allow the relaxation of ownership rules for the broadcast industry. I believe that to do so would open the way for the loss of independent voices. Large corporations would be in a position to further dominate to the detriment of local perspective and individuality. These media conglomerates have much too much sway over public opinion and exhibit the ambition to stifle perspectives that may not meet the criteria exposed by the few in the 'corporate line'.

Thank you for your consideration and attention

Sincerely,
Bruce L. Plumley
Burlington, Vermont

From: pograma
To: Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 3:14 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

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Sincerely,

Andrew M. Pegram
Saint Stephen, South Carolina 29479-3622

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From: JKHAKOLA@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 3:18 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Commissioners

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Sincerely,

John A. Hakola
Locust Grove, VA 22508-5123

From: William Koenecke
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 3 19 PM
Subject: Proposed Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear FCC Commission:

The enclosed attachment is my view and request regarding subject. Please give it serious consideration when addressing this matter.

Sincerely,
William J. Koenecke

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

Proposed Broadcast Ownership Rules

I am asking you to not adopt the proposed changes to the Broadcast Ownership Rules. I believe that the radio and television media should not be subject to the power of large conglomerates. These media must, in a free society, be kept open and not subject to giant entities. Please do not relax the existing ownership rules.

From: Dick Wolsey
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 3 21 PM
Subject: do not relax broadcast ownership rules

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Sincerely,
Richard Wolsey Jr.
North Reading, MA 01864

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CC: dickwolsey@hotmail.com

From: william stephens@ps.ge.com
To: mpowel@fcc.gov, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 3:21 PM
Subject: Proposed relaxation of Broadcast ownership rules

To the Board,

I am a member of the NRA and received a bulletin in the mail regarding the relaxation of the Broadcast ownership rules and after reading it even if I was not a member of the NRA I do not think that it would be a good idea.

My life's lessons have taught me to cherish our Constitution and the Bill of Rights and the relaxation of the rules seems to go against the very grain of these two documents. There is always more than one side of the story and I believe that every one should be able to be heard whether we agree with their point of view or not.

Bill Stephens

From: Tonygreski@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kimweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 3:23 PM
Subject: Don't Relax Rules

Please do not relax broadcast ownership rules that protect us from media monopolies!

Giant media conglomerates would be harmful to our democracy! We need a variety of viewpoints to be aired!

A. T. Greski, Jr